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Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Examiner's telephone call of March 1, 2004 and for the guidance provided by the Examiner in that teleconference.

In the teleconference, the Examiner pointed out that the Amendment dated February 19, 2004 did not fully comply with the manner of entering amendments for failure to underline the limitations added to claim 23. The Examiner also remarked that claim 23 as presented did not include the subject matter of claim 22, from which claim 23 originally depended.

In response, Applicant has canceled claim 23 and presents new claim 24. Independent claim 24 corresponds to the version of claim 23 that was objected-to in the Final Office Action dated January 26, 2004 as depending from a rejected base claim, but was otherwise deemed allowable. Claim 24 includes original claim 23, plus all of the limitations in the claims from which claim 23 depended.

It is believed that all claims currently presented are in condition for immediate allowance. Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that the claims are other than in condition for immediate allowance the Examiner is respectfully requested to call applicant's undersigned representative at (310) 242-2735 to discuss any steps necessary to place the application in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16, or application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, which may be required now or during the pendency of this application, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 16-2230.

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